

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal panel comprising:

a first substrate;

a second substrate overlapping said first substrate with a liquid crystal layer posed therebetween;

a sealing agent disposed between said first substrate and said second substrate to surround said liquid crystal layer;

a polarizing plate stuck on at least one of said first and second substrates at a surface opposite said liquid crystal layer, said polarizing plate having an end receding from an end of said one substrate and having a surface with an inclination; and

wherein said sealing agent is applied to one of said first substrate or second substrate so as to continuously surround an entire perimeter of said liquid crystal layer;

wherein said first substrate has a terminal portion protruding outer than said second substrate; and

wherein said first substrate at a display area and said terminal portion has a polarizing plate stuck thereon, and said first substrate between said display area and said terminal portion has a region free of the polarizing plate.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method of fabricating a liquid crystal panel, comprising the steps of:

placing a sealing agent on a surface of a first substrate in a form of an enclosure;

introducing liquid crystal on said first substrate in a region enclosed by said sealing agent or on a second substrate in a region corresponding to said region located on said first substrate enclosed by said sealing agent;

sticking said first substrate and said second substrate together to form a substrate formed of said first substrate and said second substrate;

sticking a polarizing plate on at least one of said first substrate and said second substrate so said substrate includes the polarizer plate on at least one of said first substrate and said second substrate; and

after said sticking, dividing said substrate with the polarizer plate(s) thereon to have a geometry providing a plurality of liquid crystal panels, each of the provided plurality of liquid crystal panels thus having the polarizer plate on at least one of said first substrate and said second substrate.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein ~~said dividing includes partially removing a portion of the polarizing plate stuck on said in the step of dividing, at least one of said first substrate and said second substrate, thereby exposing a surface of said at least one of said first substrate and said second substrate and dividing the substrate in the exposed surface.~~ has said polarizing plate partially removed to allow said substrate to have a surface exposed and said first substrate and said second substrate are then divided.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of dividing is preceded by the step of collectively, simultaneously inspecting more than one liquid crystal cell defined by said sealing agent, via an interconnection electrically connected to each said liquid crystal cell for inspection.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of inspecting is performed after the step of overlaying and before the step of sticking.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of inspecting is performed after the step of sticking.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of exposing a terminal portion provided at one of said first and second substrates.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of exposing is performed in the step of overlaying by displacing said substrates from each other.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of exposing is performed after the step of overlaying by dividing and partially removing one of said substrates.

14. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal panel fabrication apparatus comprising:

- means for placing a sealing agent on a surface of a first substrate in a form of an enclosure;
- means for introducing liquid crystal on said first substrate in a region enclosed by said sealing agent or on a second substrate in a region corresponding to said region located on said first substrate enclosed by said sealing agent;
- means for sticking said first substrate and said second substrate together to form a substrate formed of said first substrate and said second substrate;
- means for sticking a polarizing plate on at least one of said first substrate and said second substrate; and
- means for dividing said substrate formed of said first and second substrates to have a geometry providing a plurality of liquid crystal panels.

15. (Withdrawn) An apparatus sticking a polarizing plate, comprising:
- means holding a roll of a polarizing plate formed in a strip;
- means cutting in a geometry of a liquid crystal substrate said polarizing plate continuously extracted from said roll; and
- means sticking on said liquid crystal substrate said polarizing plate cut.
16. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said roll is a roll of a combination of a support and said polarizing plate overlying said support, and said means cutting does not cut said support in cutting said polarizing plate.
17. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising means detecting an axis of polarization of said polarizing plate unrolled, wherein said means cutting is driven by a direction of an axis of polarization detected by said means detecting to adjust a direction followed to cut said polarizing plate.
18. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said means cutting cuts said polarizing plate to have a size substantially equal to that of said liquid crystal substrate.
19. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said means cutting includes press means.

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20. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said means cutting includes a linear blade.

21. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said linear blade is attached to said means sticking.